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Application No.: 10/784,809	)	
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Filed: February 24, 2004	)	
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For: IMAGE INPUT/OUTPUT	)	October 5, 2006
CONTROL METHOD AND	:	
IMAGE INPUT/OUTPUT	:	
APPARATUS	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed non-U.S. documents are enclosed, along with their English abstracts.

These documents may be pertinent because they were cited in a Office Action issued in counterpart Japanese Patent Application on July 3, 2006. A copy of the Office Action is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

U.S. Patent No. 6,043,897 corresponds to Japanese Patent Application No. 10-164333.

U.S. Patent No. 6,424,742 corresponds to Japanese Patent Application No. 11-69150.

## **REMARKS**

### **Japanese Patent Laid Open No. 10-164333**

Cited reference 1 discloses that compression is performed in units of a block and image forming is performed without waiting for reading all images on page.

### **Japanese Patent Laid Open No. 11-298704**

Cited reference 2 discloses that address control is performed so as to quickly read out an image without outstripping writing address of a memory, which stores the image, to form the read image.

### **Japanese Patent Laid Open No. 2001-053920**

Cited reference 3 discloses that a compression mode and non-compression mode are switched in accordance with whether it is a continuous copy.

### **Japanese Patent Laid Open No. 11-069150**

Cited reference 4 discloses that variable length compression is performed to an image.

## **FORMAL MATTERS**

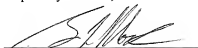
No fee is due in connection with this paper since it is being submitted before issuance of an Office Action.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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